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Dear Sir:

I. **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The present paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application, having a shortened statutory period of response of three months, which expired on April 6, 2006. A petition requesting a one-month extension of time is being filed with the present paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee associated with the requested extension of time to Haynes and Boone, LLP's, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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